

REMARKS

Claims 13-20 are now pending in the application. Claims 13 and 15-17 stand rejected, Claim 14 is objected to, and Claims 18-20 were withdrawn by the Examiner. Claims 13 and 18-20 have been cancelled; Claims 14-17 have been amended; and Claims 21-23 are newly presented. Support for the amendments and for the new claims can be found throughout the application, drawings and claims as originally filed and, as such, no new matter has been presented. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claim 14 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Merely in the interest of expediting prosecution of the present application, Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of base Claim 13. Thus, Applicants submit that Claim 14 is patentable and in condition for allowance.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Minor amendments have been made to Claims 15-17 to correct various informalities.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 13 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being

unpatentable over Stratman (U.S. Pat. No. 2,854,871; hereinafter "Stratman") in view of Winslow (U.S. Pat. No. 4,453,868; hereinafter "Winslow"). As Claim 13 has been cancelled, this rejection has been rendered moot. In addition, as Claims 15-17 depend directly or indirectly from now allowable Claim 14, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are also patentable and in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

Newly submitted Claims 18-20 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner for being directed to a non-elected invention. As these claims have been cancelled, this objection has been rendered moot. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIMS

New Claims 21-23 have been added. Applicants assert that these claims do not fall into a separate classification system nor will they require a separate field of search.

Further, Applicants respectfully assert that new Claims 21-23 are allowable. With regard to independent Claim 21, independent Claim 21 includes:

engaging the trigger in the first position upon receipt of the compressed fluid to turn the motor of the pneumatic tool on.

As none of the cited references teach or suggest at least these features as claimed, Claim 21 should be patentable and in condition for allowance. In addition, as Claims 22 and 23 depend from independent Claim 21, these claims are also believed to be patentable and in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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